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1. The ideological instruction carried on in the past among merchant seamen has included a Russian language course. At the end of January 1954, an examination was held on all merchant ships to determine the standard of proficiency in this language. The results were more than disappointing, as the vast majority of the seamen did not even know the Russian alphabet, despite many months' instructions.
2. It is said among the personnel of the directorate of the Polish Ocean Lines that the Political Education Department is going to prepare a new three-year teaching program, at the end of which the entire personnel of the Polish Merchant Marine will have to pass an examination in Russian, the knowledge of which will henceforth be a condition of employment in the merchant marine.

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